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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

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11 SHAYON ASCARIE, et al.,
12 Plaintiffs,
13 v.
14 NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE
15 COMPANY,
16 Defendant.

Case No. 12-cv-01572 JSW (NC)
**ORDER RE: DISCOVERY
LETTERS**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 76, 77, 78

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18 This case was referred to this Court for all discovery purposes. *See* Dkt. No. 38. The
19 Court has received three letters, Dkt. Nos. 76, 77, 78, filed on April 22, 2013 by plaintiffs
20 proceeding pro se. The letters do not appear to seek any relief from the Court. The Court
21 notes that communications between plaintiffs and defendant's counsel should not be filed
22 with the Court unless pursuant to a Court order, or in connection with a properly submitted
23 request for relief from the Court. If the parties have a dispute regarding discovery, they
24 must meet and confer in an attempt to resolve their disagreement before submitting their
25 dispute to the Court. If, after meeting and conferring, the parties are unable to resolve their
26 dispute, they may submit a joint discovery letter brief in accordance with the Court's
27 standing order, specifying, among other things, the relief sought from the Court. *See* Mag.
28 Judge N. Cousins, Civil Standing Order, updated Aug. 24, 2012 (copy attached).

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1 For additional guidance, plaintiffs may refer to the Court's Pro Se Handbook,
2 available on the Court's website at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/prosehandbook>, or
3 contact the Legal Help Center, which provides information and limited-scope legal advice
4 to pro se litigants in civil cases. The Legal Help Center requires an appointment, which can
5 be made by calling (415) 782-9000 x8657.

6 Docket entry No. 77 is ordered denied without prejudice for failure to comply with
7 the Court's standing order.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Date: April 25, 2013


Nathanael M. Cousins
United States Magistrate Judge

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